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Mr Michael Denton - new cathedral administrator

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One of the new Christmas cards for 2004

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From your editor

Lesley Rue

I trust all our readers had a good summer. The cathedral was very busy this summer with many tourist and lunch time concerts. About 64,883 visitors passed thought the cathedral from May to September.

We welcome two new committee members on board, Valerie Houlden and Basil Grace, also Fred Deane our new Membership Secretary. I would like to thank Fred Gray for all the work he did as Membership Secretary over the years, and thank you to Stuart Kinsella who also served on the committee for a number of years.

In this issue we have a number of articles - The Most Revd Walton Empey has written about the Friends trip to Prague, Canon Stanley Baird has written about working in the cathedral as a summer chaplain, and we have our usual articles.

I would like to thank everyone who wrote articles for this edition and trust you all enjoy reading them.

Lesley

Appointment of New Administrator

The Board of Christ Church Cathedral Dublin has appointed Mr Michael Denton as Administrator.

Mr. Denton has a distinguished track record in business and in a range of voluntary activities. He is currently Regional Sales Director (Europe) for a US multinational electronics company.

We look forward very much to welcoming Mr. Denton to the cathedral towards the end of October.

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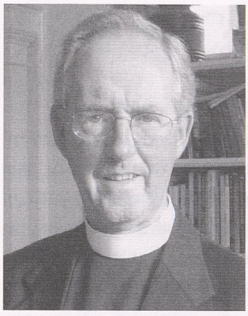

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Welcoming our visitors

In my first few months at Christ Church it has been marvellous to see so many visitors. Every week there has been a steady stream of people from all over the world and our friends and volunteers have done a wonderful job welcoming them. Our summer chaplains, mostly retired clergy, have also contributed their part by being available to talk with visitors whom we regard as pilgrims.

The exhibition in the Treasury surrounding the Christ Church Psalter which ran for the summer months proved of interest to many, and the series of lunchtime lectures associated with the exhibition gave much further information to those who came. These documents had not been together since the Reformation and we are very grateful to The Bodlean Library in Oxford, to Trinity College Dublin and to the Representative Church Body Library for their cooperation mounting this unique exhibition.

A number of free concerts were given by visiting choirs and these brought a lively atmosphere to the cathedral at lunchtime.

Many visitors joined us for the Sunday morning Eucharist, giving us congregations of 150 to 200. The role of the Friends in providing coffee and tea in the crypt after the service is very much appreciated and allows us all an opportunity to meet each other. Making visitors at home in Christ Church is very important and especially those who come from other churches in the Anglican Communion. Visiting choirs provided a high standard of music and we are grateful to them also.

Heritage Week provided another opportunity to welcome people to the cathedral, and lunchtime lectures and tours introduced people to the tiles, the windows, the bells, the music and the history of Christ Church.

As I write we are looking forward to a series of recitals on the cathedral organ, which, after eleven silent months is now back in use and sounding very fine. We hope that as a musical resource it will be valued by many, and next year's International Organ Competition will also provide an opportunity for it to be known even more widely. Apart from the expense of the overall work which has to be faced, we are still open for sponsorship of some of the pipes in the new 32 pedal stop ranging from €7K to €9K and at €11K. These can be appropriately named by the donor.

We need your support and we very much appreciate it and never take it for granted. We have considerable financial commitments and if you or anyone or any company or organisation you know can help us we will be most grateful. I will be only too happy to discuss this with any of you who wish to contact me.

Desmond Harman

Membership Secretary

FRED DEANE

First of all may I say a big thank you to Fred Gray for all the hard work he has done over the past years as Hon Membership Secretary. The many days and hours spent keeping the membership up to date and organising events is no easy task. I would like to thank him personally for his kindness and help to me as I take on this position. I hope I will be able to carry on his good work.

Some time ago an appeal was made (by Fred Gray) for new members. I would like to back that up by asking you, the existing members, to introduce a friend either at home or aboard. Continuing increases in printing, postage and projects are a worry to us all. So please, if you can help in any way we would appreciate it.

At this point I would like to draw your attention to an increase in the yearly subscription. At the Annual General Meeting of the Friends in June it was agreed by all that the annual subscription be increased to €20 (minimum). That works out at just over €1.66 per month and even at that it's still good value!

Many thanks to all who continue to pay directly or by standing order; your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you would like any information about becoming a Friend please do not hesitate to contact me at the cathedral (677 8099) Thanks to you all, and I hope you enjoyed the summer.

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Visit to Czech Republic May 21 – 27 2004

The Most Revd Walton Empey

I have been asked to write something about the visit of the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral to the Czech Republic. However, no sooner had we set out on our first walking tour on the day of our arrival than I realized that this was going to be "mission impossible"! The 'mother of cities' is so exquisitely beautiful in its buildings, and so redolent in history that it is almost impossible to describe. I am certain that if the forty Friends who travelled there were asked to write something about the visit, there would be forty different versions, so rich was the variety of experiences we shared.

Our arrival on the 21 May was very dramatic. On our first leg of the flight we ran into a violent thunderstorm which not only rocked the plane in the air but also on the ground! It seems that we were the last flight to touch down for several hours. We were met by Terence Read, the finest of all leaders, who had purchased sun block on that very day!! Unfortunately he did not have occasion to use it again for several days! However, the poor weather did not dampen the spirits of the pilgrims as we were enthralled by the beauty surrounding us.

As we proceeded on our walking tour we learned very quickly that three names in particular dominated the history of the land. Charles 1V, Jan Hus and Prince Wenceslas. No, despite what the carol says, he was not king, and that carol is not sung in that land at all! He was only 29 when he was murdered by his brother Boleslav in 935. Later he was canonised and became Bohemia's patron saint. His brother had him interred in St. Vitus' Cathedral, of which more later.

In the old town square is a huge statue in memory of Jan Hus which was erected in 1915 to mark the 500th anniversary of his martyrdom. He remains a great national hero and we heard of him many times during our visit. Hus was ordained in 1400 and became deeply influenced by the writings of Wycliffe and preached his doctrines and theories in the Bethlehem Chapel, which has been fully restored. Eventually his outspoken criticisms of the Church led to his burning at the stake on 6 July 1415. By his death he became a national hero, and the University of Prague declared him a martyr. On the base of his stature one can see the words "Pravada Vitezi" which means, "Truth Prevails"

However, the most dominant of all the famous names must be that of Charles 1V whose name cropped up again and again! He was King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor from 1346 – 78. His influence, particularly in Prague, but also in other places in the Czech Republic, is to be seen everywhere. He was not only a very pious man and a collector of holy relics, but also an extraordinarily active King. During his rule, Prague became one of the greatest cities of Europe, and indeed, larger than Paris or London. He established magnificent buildings almost everywhere, many of which can be seen to this day, such as St. Vitus Cathedral, Charles University, the splendid Charles Bridge and dozens of monasteries and churches. Not content with all that, he also founded a completely new town, Nova Mesto, I should have mentioned that the city is divided into four quarters, Josevo (the Jewish quarter) Stave Mesto (Old Town) Nove Mesto (New Town) and on the other side of the Vlatera river, the Mala Strana (little or lesser town).

As you cross Charles Bridge to this lesser quarter, you are confronted by the awesome sight of St. Vitus Cathedral and Prague Castle. It would take many pages to describe both the Cathedral and the Castle. However, two things struck this writer and will remain long in his memory. These were the many beautiful chapels, but the most outstanding one was the St. Wenceslas Chapel. Gothic frescoes with scenes from the bible and

the saint's life cover the walls, and every object is a work of art. If any reader ever gets the opportunity of visiting the cathedral, make sure to keep some time to drink in the beauty of this place. The other thing that stuck me forcibly was the outstanding beauty of the 20th century stained glass windows, especially the one dedicated to SS Syril and Methodius who brought Christianity to Bohemia. The Cathedral certainly spans the centuries, for while the redoubtable Charles IV began the building of the Cathedral in 1344, it was not completed fully until 1929.

There were many wonders in this magnificent city, but there is not space to describe them. On Monday 24 May we left the city to visit the city of Kutna Hora, our coach taking us through some beautiful countryside for some 70 km. On this drive through fertile farmland, some of us noticed the complete absence of any farm animals except for the very occasional horse and one goat! Our guide explained that the communist regime took over all the farms in the country, informing the owners that they had the choice of handing over their land to the state or go to prison. Some choice. All the cattle were then housed in huge sheds where they were fed, lived, and died. When the communists departed, only 30% of the farmers were able to claim back their farms, and so the rest of the land was left in the hands of the State and the practice of the housing of the animals also. It was indeed strange to travel so far without seeing animals.

Silver was discovered in Kutna Hora in the late 13th century. A coin, the "grochen", was minted here in the Italian court and was circulated all over Europe. Very soon the King took over the licensing of the mines and probably became the richest man in Europe. Part of one of the mines is kept open for visits and some of our more intrepid members of the party descended into the narrow and very dark bowels of the earth and gained some idea of the horrors which those early miners had to endure.

There is a beautiful Cathedral there also dedicated to St. Barbara, the patron saint of miners. Its three tent-like towers dominate the town, and inside are very interesting murals, many of them depicting the lives of miners.

On our way back to Prague we stopped at a small cemetery chapel, Sedlec Ossuary. Some 30,000 bodies said to be buried there, together with many soldiers killed in the Hussite Wars. From the 17th century the practice grew of arranging human bones in the decorative fashion. The altar, the chandeliers and other objects are all made of these bones, making it a very strange place indeed. Some of our party left there very quickly, finding it too gruesome to stomach.

Our next visit was to Karlstejn Castle, which was a breathtaking sight, hidden by the surrounding hills until we came under its high ramparts. Needless to say, Charles 1V also built this castle, commencing in 1348. Here Charles kept the Crown Jewels of the Holy Roman Empire and a number of relics, including a thorn from Christ's crown of thorns. Readers may make up their own minds about the authenticity of this claim! There was much of interest here, but all of it fell into insignificance compared to the chapel of the Holy Rood. Very few people are allowed into this exquisite place, but the indomitable Terence managed to arrange a visit for the Friends. Gold encrusted and surrounded by beautiful paintings of the saints, it has the effect of making one fall to one's knees. One can fully appreciate why this national treasure is so carefully preserved by the authorities.

From Karlstejn we travelled about 150km to Tepla Monastery. This monastery was founded in 1193 by the Premonstratensians and has a magnificent church and important library. It was taken over by the communists in 1950 and its monks put in detention camps. Then the Czech Army took over the massive buildings, although they left the church and library alone. Needless to say it was in a shocking state of repair following

forty years of occupation by the army. It was handed back to the Order in 1993, but what an uphill battle it was and indeed, still is, to restore this large place. In order to provide income the monks decided to restore one large building as a hostel/hotel in order to provide finance for the awesome task that lay ahead of them. Bit by bit the buildings are being slowly restored but the 17 monks are also providing care for 25 parishes, so they are seldom all there together. When we attended vespers there were only four monks, saying rather than singing the Office. It is in a beautiful situation with its own lakes and surrounded by trees and farmland. A place of great peace.

On our penultimate day, the majority of the party visited the spa towns of Karlory Vary and Marianke Lazne. I cannot comment on this visit as four of us elected to stay at the monastery for the day.

And so back to Prague for the flight back to Dublin. But first, some wanted to go shopping while others wanted to revisit some of the places where we had been. A small group decided to go to Vyserhrad, once a fortress linked to the origins of the city, but destroyed in the Hussite wars. There we saw the church of St. Peter & St. Paul which some of us felt to be the most beautiful church we had seen. It had been destroyed many times but in 1895 it was rebuilt in neo-gothic style, the twin steeples being added in 1902. In the surrounding cemetery were the graves of many Czech citizens, including Dvorak and Smetna, but we could only find the grave of the latter.

This is a very inadequate account of the exciting and wonder filled journey, but it will have to suffice. We are all deeply indebted to Terence for all the care and attention to detail which made our journey so memorable.
Roll on St. Petersburg!!

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Summer Chaplaincy in the Cathedral

The Revd Canon Stanley Baird

Since I retired in 1999 from the full-time ministry I have been asked a few times, 'Do you miss it?' My reply has always included a reference to Christ Church Cathedral where I served as a member of the Chapter and a member of the Board for ten years or more. Both of these were a very real privilege. To sit in my Canon's stall and listen to the choir, especially singing the Psalms, was a sheer delight, one which I certainly miss.

As a member of the Board I shared in plans and decisions which unveiled the cathedral from being Dublin's best kept secret to being the open and internationally attractive place it is today. I missed the sense of satisfactions which this gave me.

I was, therefore, very happy to accept the Revd Mark Gardner's invitation to act as a Chaplain during the summer holiday period. The formal duties of the Chaplain are basically to lead the Prayers for Peace at noon and to celebrate the Eucharist at 12.45 pm. These are most important; indicating as they do that the cathedral is a place of Prayer and Worship.

Hundreds of visitors come through the doors every day – the cathedral is now part of the tourist trail – and it would be so easy to forget its true purpose. I led the Peace Prayers from the Pulpit and observed how many visitors paused or sat, joined in the Lord's Prayer and very willingly exchanged a sign of Peace afterwards.

The Chaplain's day begins at 11.00am. Coffee is served in the Chapter Room, providing an opportunity to meet and chat with members of the cathedral staff, some of whom, of course are volunteers. I was delighted to sense that there was a good team spirit, very essential for creating a happy atmosphere and efficient administration. I was also aware that everyone was working quite hard, not least the volunteers on the "Welcome Desk" and in the shop. I am sure that there is need for more help at this point – a really worthwhile ministry for those who might feel called to this ministry in the cathedral. First impressions are very important.

Most of the Chaplain's day is spent informally welcoming visitors and trying to answer any queries they may have. Some voiced their appreciation that there was a priest present and used the opportunity to speak about their own church background. Two lovely young girls wanted to know about the Church of Ireland, "Is it Catholic"? They then shared their experience of growing up in Estonia and what has happened to the Church there, since the fall of communison . On one day I met an America student, who is preparing for ordination in the Episcopal Church, a Roman Catholic priest from Liechtenstein and a Roman Catholic Deacon who was a member of the permanent Diaconate in the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. He is married and would seem to be similar to our non-stipendiary clergy in the Church of Ireland. He told me that in his diocese there would soon be more permanent deacons than full-time priests. These are just a few of the delightful and interesting people I met. And I must not forget the two very enjoyable lunch time concerts to which admission for all was free.

Renewing my involvement in the ministry of Christ Church Cathedral gave me a great 'lift' and reminded a retired cleric like me that there is, in the Mother Church of our diocese, a very well worthwhile ministry retired clergy can perform.

Music for 2004 and Beyond...

JUDY MARTIN

The start of the academic year is always a huge shock to the system. Sights of sun-drenched beaches and swimming pools, and the experience of visiting Africa for the first time all seem but distant memories, replaced heartlessly by views of the four walls of the music office (nice as these are). However, I enter my second year at Christ Church with a sense of excitement easily rivalling that felt in September 2003 when I conducted the cathedral choirs for the very first time.

The two choirs of this cathedral are different in almost every way, but they have one significant attribute in common; whatever they do for Christ Church, they do with immense dedication and effort. It is simply a great privilege to work with the choirs and organists here, and whether they are providing music for a weekday Evensong in the depths of winter, or singing for a huge Diocesan celebration in a packed cathedral, the levels of both preparation and concentration are the same.

The provision of music of so high a standard as we enjoy at Christ Church has obvious importance to a great number of people in the cathedral's community. For a great deal of time, the Friends have played a very significant role in this by giving their support, both financial and physical, in a number of ways. In addition to the maintenance of the choral tradition and the pursuit of musical excellence which enhance the worship of so many people, I am very keen to record the current state of music-making and add this data to the archives of the cathedral. At present, there are extensive printed records of music at Christ Church, but few actual indications of what it actually sounded like!

Earlier this year, I approached the Friends with a proposal to establish a sound archive for the cathedral. Technology, these days, can provide us with the ability to store hours and hours of audio data in a very very small space. The idea is that we should set up a permanent recording facility in the cathedral and record every choral service. We can extend this by producing 'live' CDs of the cathedral choirs at a minimal cost, by providing external groups with the facility to record their concerts and even to producing a CD of 'sermons from Christ Church'. The Friends have very generously given the music department the money for this and many of you are probably wondering why we haven't put the plan into action. The problem is that technology is changing all the time and, for a few months now, we have been waiting for a new high density mini disc recorder to come onto the market. This has now happened and, instead of recording onto a recorder which would have compressed some of the sound to store it, we will now be able to record and store to a very high sound quality.

This system was installed in time to record the gala concert given by the Cathedral Choir on Sunday 3rd October. This was the choir's first concert accompanied by the newly restored cathedral organ and the programme featured something for everyone, as we demonstrated the organ's facility to be an accompanying instrument over a wide spectrum of musical styles.

The music department would like to express its warmest thanks to the Friends for enabling us to set this project in motion. You will soon be able to hear the benefits of your donation.

I finish by giving you an introduction to one of the other plans I have for the cathedral's music this year. I would like to involve the cathedral community in creating new music with which we can personalise a significant piece of music each year and add our mark to the history of the place. I am considering setting up a commissioning project whereby, each year, a reputable composer

writes a Mass setting for Trinity Sunday. This music would contain parts for the choir to sing, a part for the organ, and a role for the congregation, whether a speaking or a singing role. I would invite members of the cathedral community to contribute with whatever they can afford, to buy a certain number of seconds of time. [Composers charge for their compositions in Euros per second or minute.] In this case, we will all be buying into the living history of the cathedral's services. Each contributor would be acknowledged in the front cover of the score, the music would include the dedication to Christ Church at the top of the score, and the music would belong to us all. This project would be called the 'Trinity Commission'. I hope to be able to set this project in motion very soon, so watch this space...

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Clergy Capers

The clergy are often portrayed as dry and humourless, but anyone who has read reports of their conferences will know that that is far from the case! As human as the rest of us, why should they be any different when it comes to having a laugh? Indeed they can often and unexpectedly give us something to smile about. We print below, two (apocryphal) stories culled from the annals of the Church of Ireland. The editorial team would be delighted to hear of any others.

One evening in the Theological College, prior to dinner, the then principal, Canon Browne, intoned a long Latin grace. As he finished, one of the students said to him, "Canon Browne, I didn't understand one word you were saying".
The Canon replied, "Sit down child, I wasn't speaking to you".

And from the same establishment (history does not record whether or not it was the same student).

The then Archbishop (Dr. G.O. Simms) was preparing to celebrate the Eucharist early one morning. The student who was assisting him with the preparations asked him if he wished to have lighted candles on the altar. The Archbishop in his inimitable and thoughtful way replied,
"Ah yes, I wonder, is that wise? What about that old canon?*
To which the student replied: "Ah, sure Canon Browne won't mind!"

* *The General Synod of 1871 and 1872 had enacted a canon or regulation that the use of candles or lamps was forbidden, except for the purposes of giving light.*

The Ringers and the Bells

LESLIE TAYLOR

I am happy to say that the ringers continue to do their duty of ringing the bells for the main services of the cathedral, and to practise hard to this end. This summer has been far better than any previous, with a solid, indeed growing attendance at both service- and practice-ringing.

Our culture of continuous recruitment and teaching continues to bring good results, with the success of the most suited flowing through into service-ringing sooner than before. Our most recent recruits who have quickly graduated to the ranks of the great dependables are Susan Marble, Jason Silverman and Laura Brown, while Mary Cuthbert has most recently been elected a full member of our society, having demonstrated ability and loyalty.

Oli Bird has happily come back, having left through pressure of study some nine years ago; the same applies to Kevin Moroney, who learnt in recent years, lapsed because of other pressures, and now has returned. It is excellent to have all of these talented people helping us.

We will have had a short ringing trip to the Chester area before these notes are published, which is a return of our former habit of an annual visit to Britain for ringing holidays. Also, our Open Day for Heritage Week will have passed, during which we always hope to interest new potential recruits. Also, we will have rung for two weddings at St Saviour's Church, Arklow by request.

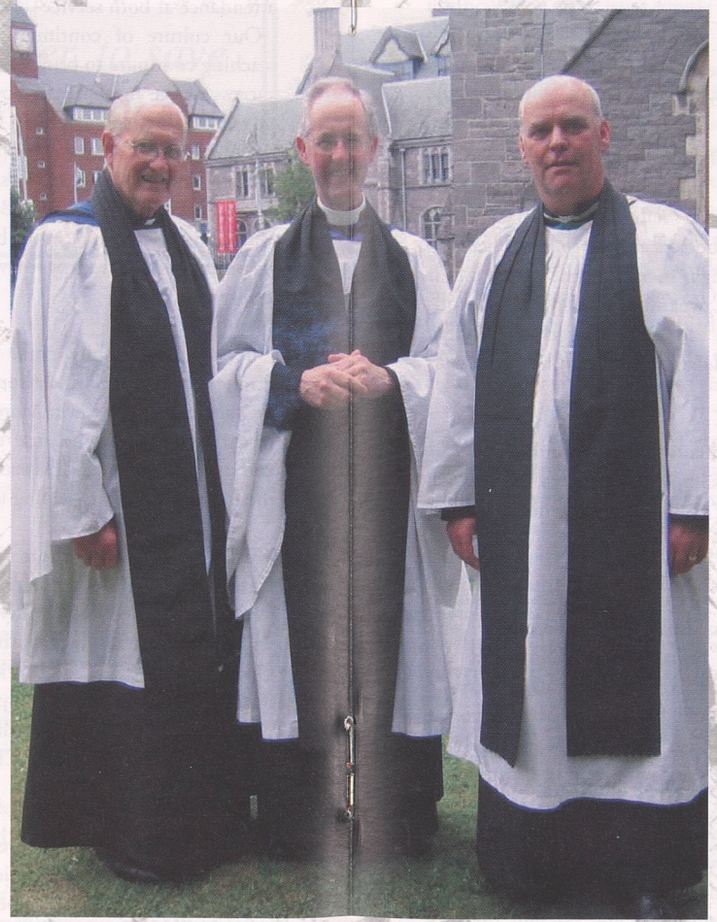
One drawback in recent years has been the nondependability of spheroidal graphite (SG) clappers for our Great Tenor bell. The most recent clapper has not lasted two years before failing and falling away. Expert opinion suggests that the fault is not so much in the material of the clapper as in the design. The point of percussion should be near the centre of the ball of the clapper, but it has become obvious that with the particular design of the SG clapper for large bells such as our tenor, with a heavy counterweight attached, the point of percussion is somewhere along the shaft of the clapper. This results in an imperciptible bending of the shaft and finally its failure.

We have seen this four times in two decades. We who have been ringing for a long time have no recollection of similar failure rates in wrought-iron clappers, as they were and as they were designed. However, wrough iron is no longer easily obtained; railings and the like are not anymore made of this material, but of mild steel. So, our problem is to solve this problem by, ourselves, designing a clapper either of SG metal or of wrought iron (using old clappers available to us). When I say 'ourselves' I mean two, in particular, of our ringers have accepted this duty. These are Tony Reale, a civil engineer, and Gary McGuire, a mathematician. They have to do the sums and produce the design for a suitable clapper, one that will not break and will, at the same time, bring out the best music from a great bell.

If any of the Friends have technical expertise in this field, we would love to hear from them.

PHOTO NEWS

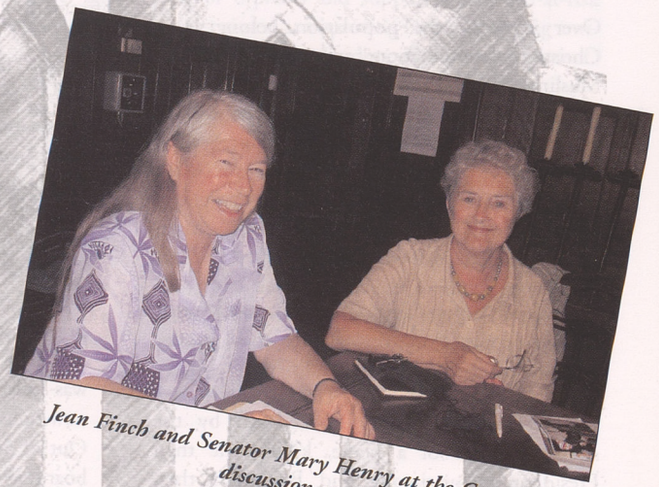
Members of the Friends Committee after the AGM



Treasurers - Past and Present, Canon Bertram (1995-2002), Dean Harman (2002-2004) and Canon Rountree (2004-)

Michael Elliott, Jo Wilkinson, Liz Dawson, Yvonne Traynor and Doreen Orr taking it easy in Prague

Preparing to go down the Silver mine at Kutra Hora



Jean Finch and Senator Mary Henry at the Cathedral discussion group

Rwanda – Land of Hope and Pain

KEN RUE

Voyage of discovery

Reaching the age of 50 is a landmark in anyone's life and so it was for me. To celebrate, I chose to fulfil a long-term ambition – to visit Africa. A friend in Whitechurch parish, Fidele Mutwarasibo, arranged for me to go for two weeks this June to the Episcopal diocese of Shyogwe in Rwanda. There I met many remarkable people, including Bishop Jered Kalimba and his development officer, John Wesley Kabango.

Background on Rwanda

Rwanda is located in Central Africa. It is a land-locked country, the size of Munster, whose neighbouring countries are the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania and Burundi. Rwanda was a colony of Germany until 1916 when it was "transferred" to Belgium. It gained independence and became a republic in 1962 after a revolution in which the city of Gitarama, situated in Shyogwe diocese, was central.

Over 75% of the population belong to a Christian denomination, and about 10% are Muslim. Most Christian church members are Roman Catholic. About 10% of the population are members of other Christian churches, of which the largest denominations are Episcopalians (part of the Anglican Communion), Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostalists and Presbyterians.

Rwanda has a population of approximately eight million people, made up of three tribal groups (c.84% Hutu; 15% Tutsi and 1% Twa).

In 1994, genocide was sparked off by the shooting down of a plane, killing the then President Habyarimana and Burundi's then President Ntaryamira. That incident was the catalyst for the mass killing of Tutsis and moderate Hutus by the army and civilian militias. War ensued and this was won by the Rwandan Patriotic Front, made up largely of Tutsis returning from decades of exile abroad. Between the genocide and the war approximately 1 million people out of a population of 8 million were slaughtered. In addition, over 1 million Rwandans fled the country at that time and many have never gone back.

Kinyarwanda is the local language, French is the second language and English the third. The country enjoys a temperate climate with temperatures in the 20's all year round. There is a rainy season for eight months of the year and four months of dry weather (mid-May to mid-September). The economy is largely dependent on agriculture. Malaria is the main health risk for visitors.

Pain, trauma and continuing wounds

I found many examples of people's lives which have been forever changed by the genocide and its aftermath:

- Bishop Jered survived three grenade attacks after the genocide and subsequent war. Consequently, his wife was traumatised and now lives with their three daughters in Strasbourg. Bishop Jered returned to Shyogwe in 2000 after pleas from his people and the intervention of the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Three of John Wesley's brothers were killed. One of these was mistaken for their father, a priest, and blown to bits.
- The wife of the YMCA's National Chairman was killed in the genocide. He and his aunt now house twenty orphans in their home.
- Out of 340 children in a Diocesan secondary boarding school, 262 were being assisted as orphans. In the teenage years, there are many more girls than boys because of the killings.

- 13% of the population has AIDS. Many women contracted this disease by being raped during the war. In the year 2000, the UN estimated that 270,000 children in Rwanda had lost their mother or both parents to HIV/AIDS before they turned 15 years old.

Despite this, there were also many examples of people who are practising forgiveness, seeking reconciliation, exercising simple faith and making the most of their lives.

Shyogwe Diocese - a growing Diocese

It is easy for Western Christians to despair when they look at the effect of increasing secularisation on church attendance and religious practice. However, on the worldwide stage, the Christian church is growing as a result of growth in the "two-thirds world", i.e., the developing South. Such is the case in Shyogwe Diocese where the number of parishes has doubled to twenty in the last ten years and where there are plans to start eight new parishes in the next few years.

The cathedral service that I attended was filled with 500 people (from a catchment area of 20,000) of whom 200 were youth involved in a weekend evangelical camp. Because there are thirteen choirs attached to the cathedral, each week, announcements include which choirs will be singing the following Sunday. The multiplicity of choirs is one of the reasons why Morning Prayer lasts three and a half hours!!

Other signs of growth can be seen in the numbers attending the Diocesan schools (although currently only 6% go on to secondary level) and the use made of its health centres. This seems likely to continue for some time, as 15% of the local population is between the ages of one and five years old.

Shyogwe Diocese - bringing hope

The Diocesan key verse is "Thy Kingdom come" and its motto is "A holy soul in a healthy body". Consequently, the now and the hereafter, the spirit and the body are all important. Arising from this, Shyogwe Diocese is actively involved in the following programmes which are important in their community:

- AIDS awareness
- Nutrition education
- Agricultural co-operatives development
- Fish farming
- Tree husbandry
- Bee-hive keeping
- Fruit plantations
- Entrepreneurial activities (carpentry, sewing, traditional card-making)
- Mothers' Union social assistance programmes

Many of these programmes are designed to teach self-help, but they need a "kick-start". So I was delighted to bring €2,400 with me, which was raised through a quiz night in our parish and by the Mothers' Union and National School, together with individual donations. These were used to buy goats for poor widows, pay school fees for orphans and support a children-at-risk project aimed at improving literacy, forming anti-AIDS clubs and providing classroom equipment.

Return Visit

Bishop Jered is visiting Ireland (including the cathedral) in October. John Wesley was planning to undertake a graduate development studies in Kimmage for nine months commencing in September, but has had a visa application refused. An appeal has been lodged. It is my prayer that many will have the chance to meet them and hear in person their remarkable stories and future dreams.

Garda Band & Choirs

Sunday 27 June 2004 was a very busy day in the cathedral. It started off with the 11.00am Eucharist and at 3.30pm there was the ordinations of priests, followed by the Gardai arriving at 6.30pm to set up for their concert in aid of an organ pipe in memory of Irene Drew.

This was a great event, with the Garda Choir, Garda Band and a Norwegian Choir. They had the audience singing, clapping and tapping their feet. A very enjoyable night was had by all who attended.

We are delighted to say that we raised €887.00 for an organ pipe.

Flowers

We are very grateful to those people who generously gave donations towards flowers and arranged them over the past few months:

Mrs. D. Acton, Stephen & Ann Brennan, Mrs. Vera Conroy (in memory of her son Philip), Mrs. Flo Fennell, Greystones Thrift Shop, Mrs. Gillian Gray, Rev David Greer, Jean Hill, Elizabeth Hurley, Eleanor Jenkins, Doreen King, R.C. Lewis-Crosby, Mrs. H. Purser, Des & Maureen Reid, Eileen & Douglas Slator, Anngret Simms, Mrs. Beatrice Stewart, Sandra Stewart, Honor Stuart, Mrs. Gladys Swann and Rev Canon Herbert & Mrs. Whyte.

Dear Friends

As some of you will know, there have been staff changes in the Cathedral over the past few months. The Cathedral Board has just appointed Mr Michael Denton as the new Administrator.

The Welcome Desk and Shop is now run by Angela McGroggan and myself. As you know the Welcome Desk and Shop are very important to the cathedral. These two areas of the cathedral are kept going by the volunteers. We have forty volunteers who come in for a morning or afternoon once a week/once every two weeks to man the Welcome Desk and the shop.

The morning shift for the desk and shop runs from 10am – 1.30pm and the afternoon shift for the welcome desk from 1.30pm – 5.00pm. The afternoon shift for the shop is 1.30pm – 4.45pm.

I would like to ask if there is anyone out there who would be interested in volunteering to help at the desk or in the shop, to contact Angela or me at 677 8099 or email welcome@cccdub.ie Training will be provided.

Lesley Rue

ANNUAL CITIZENSHIP SERVICE

The Annual Citizenship Service takes place on Sunday 7 November 2004, at 11.00am. Friends are invited to apply for tickets (up to 4) for the reserved Nave seating, on a first come first served basis.
Requests should be made to The Cathedral Office, (Citizenship) Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin 8. **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 2004.** Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Enquiries to office@cccdub.ie or telephone 6778099.

Car parking is available at the Civic Offices Winetavern Street

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

The Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols takes place on Monday 20 December 2004 at 8.00pm. Friends are invited to apply for tickets (up to 2) for the reserved Nave seating, on a first come first served basis.
Requests should be made to The Cathedral Office, (Carols), Christ Church Cathedral Dublin 8, **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2004.** Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Enquiries to office@cccdub.ie or telephone 6778099.
Side aisle seats will be without ticket on a first come first served basis.

Car parking is available at the Civic Offices Winetavern Street

LUNCHTIME CHARITY CAROL SERVICE

The annual lunchtime carol service will take place on Thursday 16 December 2004. This year the charity will be Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. The service will start at 1.15pm and will be sung by the cathedral's Girls' Choir. After the service mulled wine and mince pies will be served, in the crypt. (Courtesy of the Friends of the cathedral).

Meetings of the Christ Church Discussion Group

After six and a half years, the Cathedral Discussion Group has held its final meeting. An extremely interesting range of topics has been covered in those years, and it was felt that some sort of permanent record should be kept of who has contributed over the years, and what they spoke about. We feel that there is potential to go forward, and are hoping that the new Cathedral Educational Outreach may take over some aspects, at least of the function of the Group.

12/1/98 Initial launch and informal discussion

1.	9/2/98	Canon Ken Kearon - How do we make morals?
2.	9/3/98	Dr. Andrew Pearce - Who or what is the Devil?
3.	11/5/98	Revd. Dr. Ron Elsdon - Theology and the Environment
4.	8/6/98	Anne Thurston - A feminist perspective of the Bible
5.	14/9/98	Clive Hope-Ross - Religion; a life skill
6.	12/10/98	Canon Billy Marshall - What is worship?
7.	9/11/98	Revd. Tom Gordon - A Unionist's view of Salvation
8.	14/12/98	Dr. Kenneth Milne - Politics and Religion
9.	11/1/99	Canon Professor John Bartlett - Interpretations of the Bible
10.	8/2/99	Revd. Norman McCausland - Training for Ordination
11.	8/3/99	Christopher Shiell - The role of the Cathedral
12.	12/4/99	Dr. Andrew Torrance - The Orthodox Church; a layman's view
13.	10/5/99	Dean Paterson - When Deans get together; the Deans' Conference
14.	14/6/99	Pastor Artuur Antturi (Lutheran Church of Finland) - The Porvoo Agreement
15.	13/9/99	Revd. Alan McCormack - Late Anglican Aesthetic in Late Secular Dublin: the case of Trinity College Chapel
16.	8/11/99	Canon Ginnie Kennerley - Hindu-Christian Dialogue
17.	13/12/99	Daithi O'Maolchoille - The Cathedral; paying the bills
18.	14/2/00	Revd. Helga Hammerstein - Preparing for the Millenium in bygone ages
19.	13/3/00	Revd. Stanley Baird - The role of Exorcism and Deliverance in the Church's Ministry of Healing
20.	10/4/00	Canon Billy Marshall - The Thirty Nine Articles and their relevance today
21.	8/5/00	Judge Catherine McGuinness (Supreme Court) - The Development of Constitutional Rights in a Changing World
22.	12/6/00	Mike Garde (Dialogue Ireland) - Transformation of World Religions by occultism
23.	11/9/00	Canon John McCullough - A Defence of Denominational Education
24.	9/10/00	Dr. Margaret Daly-Denton - Looking back at Ceiliuradh
25.	13/11/00	Revd. Des Sinnamon - the Three Faiths Forum
26.	4/12/00	In-house Discussion (Jean Finch) - Ethical Tourism; choosing a holiday
27.	8/1/01	Joan Burton (Fingal County Councillor + Vice Chairperson of the Labour Party; former Minister of State for Overseas Development Assistance + Minister of State at the Department of Justice with special responsibility for refugees and asylum seekers) - Racism and the challenge of asylum seekers
28.	12/2/01	Revd. Dermot Dunne - Changes in Liturgy in the C. of I. and in the Christ Church use

29.	12/3/01	Students of the Theological College - Taizé worship and liturgy
30.	2/4/01	Revd. John Stephens - the C. of I. /Methodist draft Covenant and its implications for both churches
31.	14/5/01	Revd. Declan Smith - Whose mission - to whom - today?
32.	11/6/01	Dr. Jim Quinn - Business ethics; an oxymoron
33.	10/9/01	Thea Boyle - Being a lay reader in the Church of Ireland
34.	8/10/01	Revd. Kevin Moroney - High meets Low; the Oxford Movement in the Church of Ireland
35.	12/11/01	Revd. Mark Gardiner - The role of Dean's Vicar in the Structure of the Cathedral
36.	10/12/01	Caoimhe de Barra - The Trocaire campaign against Bonded Labour and the use of Child Soldiers
37.	14/1/02	Canon Victor Stacey - Divorce and Remarriage in the Church of Ireland
38.	11 /2/02	Canon Professor Adrian Empey - the Role of the Precentor within the structure of the Cathedral
39.	4/3/02	Dr Fergus O'Ferrall - Protestant health care in the Adelaide Hospital
40.	8/4/02	Dr. Frank Bannister - Ethics in Information Technology
41	13/5/02	Camilla Campling - The work of the Matt Talbot Rehabilitation Centre
42.	10/6/02	Dan Apalaghie - Experiences of an Asylum Seeker in Ireland
43.	9/9/02	Dr. Rory O'Donnell - The Celtic Tiger
44.	7/10/02	Max McCann (Vet.) - The Christian attitude towards animals and animal cruelty
45.	18/11/02	Revd. Patrick Comerford - Ethics in Journalism
46.	2/12/02	Brian Quinn - Jews in modern Ireland (cancelled)
47.	20/1/03	Revd. Kevin Moroney - The change of attitude towards sexuality over the last 20 years in the American Episcopal Church
48.	10/3/03	Dr. Nicola Marples – Christianity and Natural Selection; a contradiction in terms?
49.	29/4/03	Isolde Blau (Director of Counselling, N. Health Board) – Crossroads between Spirituality and Psychotherapy
50.	19/5/03	Very Revd. Robert MacCarthy – The effect of Disestablishment on the Church of Ireland
51.	23/6/03	Revd. Alex Jensen – Anglican approaches to Ecumenism
52.	15/9/03	John Cooney – McQuaid and Simms; two archbishops
53.	20/10/03	Revd. David Greer – How to sleep well
54.	17/11/03	Open in-house Discussion - The Nature of God
55.	15/12/03	Rebecca Emery (Oxfam) - Just Trading with the Third World
56.	19/1/04	Canon Rickie Rountree - the Decade of Evangelism; a reflection
57.	8/3/04	Soline Vatinel (BASIC) - God calls, Rome stalls; the ordination of women in the R.C. Church
58.	19/4/03	Revd. Maria Widermark - The Scandinavian Lutheran Churches and our ties via the Porvoo Agreement
59.	21/6/04	Senator Mary Henry - Encouraging Women in Africa

If anyone has a particular interest in any one topic – please contact Jean Finch at 01-288 8237

Autumn Quiz

Continuing our wine appreciation theme, this quiz tests your knowledge of Biblical references to vineyards, wine and wine-making. We want to know where the following quotations may be found:-

1. "He washes his garments in wine, and his robe in the blood of grapes"

2. "Wine maketh glad the heart of man"

3. "Wine was created from the beginning to make men joyful, and not to make them drunk"

4. Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler

5. ……,a man of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard.

6. With the money secure in hand, go to the place that the Lord will choose; spend the money for whatever you wish – oxen, sheep, wine, strong drink, or whatever you desire.

7. Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine oft infirmities.

8. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; ……..but new wine is put into fresh wineskins.

9. Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink.

10. If you enter your neighbour's vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you want but do not put any in your basket.

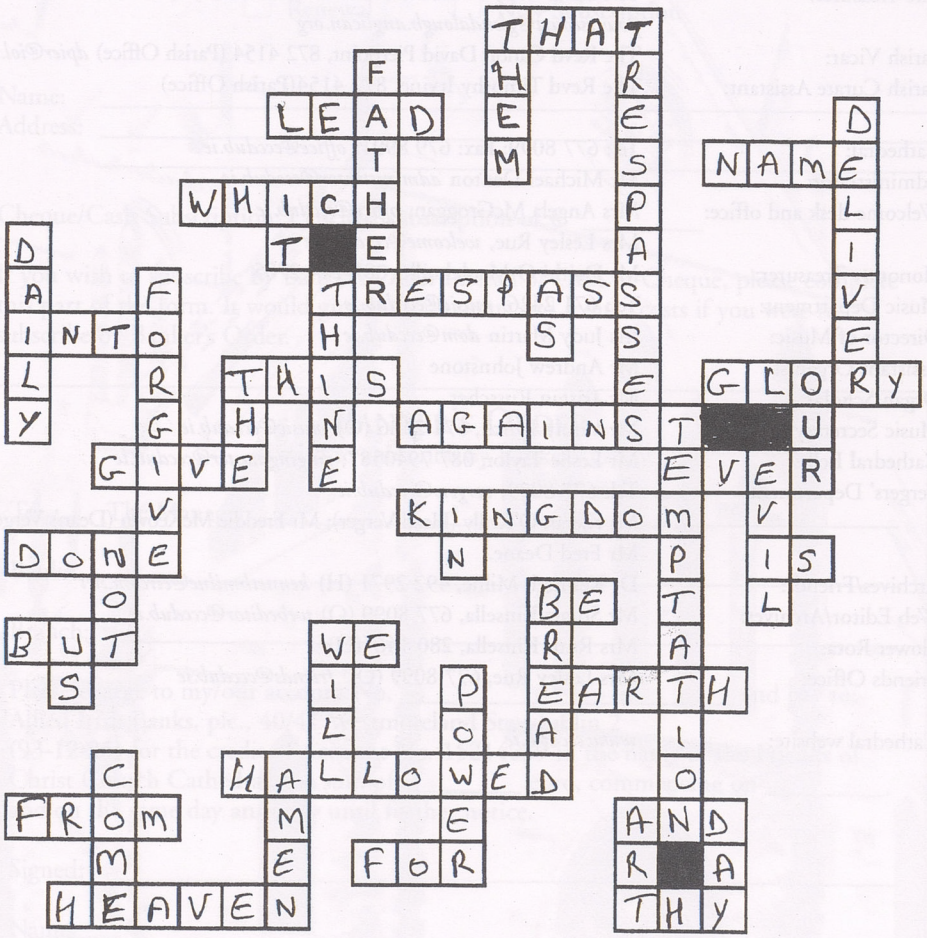
11. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower.

12. No longer do they drink wine with a song; the beer is bitter to its drinkers.

All correct entries will be drawn from a box and the winner will be notified before Christmas - in time to collect some wine.
Return your entry to The Editor, The Friends, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin 8. **by 10 December 2004.**

SOLUTIONS TO THE LORD'S PRAYER QUIZ

You will find below the result of the competition published in the previous newsletter. There are alternative solutions to the one shown below (it, is and in are interchangeable). All entries using any of these answers were treated as correct and included in the draw for the winner.



Congratulations to Sylvia Ayling, the winner of the above crossword competition.

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Principal events from October to December 2004

October

12th & 13th		Diocesan Synod, Taney Parish Centre
17th	15.30	Choral Evensong ~ Award of Archbishop's Music Certificates
18th	12.45	Eucharist ~ St. Luke the Evangelist
19th	18.00	Evensong
	18.45	Book launch (in the Song School)
23rd	12.45	Eucharist ~ St. James the Brother of the Lord
24th	11.00	Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism
	17.00	Irish Language service
31st	11.00	Sung Eucharist with congregations of the Parishes of the Cathedral Group

November

1st	12.45	Eucharist ~ All Saints Day
	20.00	Sung Eucharist at All Saints' Grangegorman (Phibsborough Road) *(Sung by the cathedral choir)*
7th	11.00	Citizenship service ~ Preacher: The Archbishop of Dublin
12th	9.00	Ecumenical service in English and French for a group of pilgrims from Eu
14th	11.00	Sung Eucharist
	15.30	Choral Evensong and installation of Archdeacon David Pierpoint, and retirement presentation to Archdeacon Gordon Linney.
28th	11.00	Sung Eucharist
	15.30	Choral Evensong
	17.00	Advent Sunday ~ Procession by candlelight

December

5th	11.00	Sung Eucharist
	15.30	Choral Evensong
	16.00	Irish Cancer Society Service
16th	13.15	Lunchtime Charity Carol Service in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind
20th	20.00	Service of Nine Carols and Lessons
24th	23.00	First Eucharist of Christmas *(Please note the time)*
25th	11.00	Christmas Day ~ Sung Eucharist Preacher: The Archbishop of Dublin
26th	11.00	St Stephen's Day ~ Eucharist & hymns

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